

## **Symposium Purpose and Overview**

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In this, our fourteenth annual NDIA Security Symposium, we will be addressing all aspects of the new dimensions in security threats and countermeasures, providing new insights and perspectives into an evolving world situation.

Both at home and abroad the United States and its international partners are facing threats ever more serious to the individual and to military and domestic resources. The evolution from a bi-polar world to one dominated by less-easily defined and significantly less-predictable adversaries is overlaid upon fundamental societal changes throughout the world and exponential advances in technology.

This symposium will focus upon these new dimensions of the security and protection envelope; both its continuing expansion driven by a more diverse threat, and the potentially unbounded opportunity that new technology provides.

We will highlight topics central to this theme, including specific threats and the operational environment with which both military and domestic agencies must contend; government and industry initiatives to address these challenges; current and future technologies in both the physical and information-based world; the threat of weapons of mass destruction and planning for response; and the future of national budgets and resource availability.

We hope this symposium will be interesting and productive, and that you will contribute to a lively interchange as we address one of our most critical and pressing problems.